

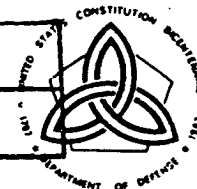


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## MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

SUBJECT: Response to Congress on FY 88-89 Intelligence Authorization Bill Requirement

Forwarded is a package of letters prepared for joint signatures of SecDef and DCI to respond to Congress with our plan for conducting joint net assessments. This plan, which Doug MacEachin helped refine, will provide for both intelligence community involvement in preparation as well as a vehicle for expression of independent views with regard to net assessments.

When you have obtained Judge Webster's (or Bob Gates') signature, ~~please return the package to this office for distribution.~~

*W. Matz*  
 William M. Matz, Jr.  
 Executive Secretary

Attachments

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 DATE CORRES OR LET US  
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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



4 April 1988

The Honorable Les Aspin  
Chairman  
Committee on Armed Services  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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The JCS 1987 Military Net Assessment and other previous OSD net assessment studies have historically used extensive input from the Intelligence Community. On September 8, 1987 Admiral Crowe and Judge Webster agreed to formalize a plan for Intelligence Community support of JCS Net Assessments.

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PLAN FOR INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OF NET ASSESSMENTS

1. The Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence establish this plan which provides for the full participation of the Intelligence Community in DOD net assessments. The Intelligence Community will:

- participate in the development of requirements for,
- participate in the establishment of parameters for,
- provide coordinated intelligence, and
- participate in the conduct of

net assessments by the Department of Defense. The Intelligence Community will review and comment on net assessments prior to dissemination external to the Executive Branch, and will have the right to present independent conclusions based on its review of the results.

2. Community-agreed intelligence data bases and assessments will be used for net assessments where possible. However, where the intelligence input to net assessments is new or comprises material at variance with earlier Community views, coordination shall be conducted by a working group consisting of representatives of all interested members of the Intelligence Community. Coordination will normally be conducted in a manner similar to that for National Intelligence Estimates (NIEs).

3. The Intelligence Community will participate in net assessments with DOD/JCS in areas critical to the overall effectiveness of US national security policy, strategy, tactics, and weapons systems. Initially these net assessments will include such areas as:

a. Total military capabilities. These assessments will include an analysis of military functional capabilities across the spectrum of warfare including conventional, strategic nuclear, nonstrategic nuclear and CBW. Other military capabilities will be analyzed, including: intelligence, sustainability, mobility, electronic warfare, special operations forces, reserve forces, command, control, and communications, and leadership, morale, and training.

b. Regional politico-military balances. These assessments will analyze the capability of the US and its allies to achieve regional objectives versus the capabilities of an adversary, principally the Soviet Union and its allies. These balances may also take into account significant regional sub-balances (e.g., North Korea/South Korea).

c. Joint technical net assessments. These assessments will analyze the standing of US and allied R & D efforts relative to those of



the Soviet Union in key military and technology areas, such as low observable technology, new explosives, and directed energy weapons.

These areas are critical as they are fundamental to current and future force planning and national strategy as set forth in NSDD 238, the National Security Strategy, and the Defense Guidance.

4. The time table for initiation and completion of net assessments identified for Intelligence Community participation over the next two years is as follows:

1988 JCS Net Assessment (Unclassified Document)

Commence: 1 March 1988

Complete: 30 September 1988

Interim 1989 Military Net Assessment

Commence: 1 November 1987

Complete: 30 October 1988

1988 Joint Technical Net Assessment, Low Observable Technology

Commence: 1 April 1988

Complete: 1 December 1988

1989 Military Net Assessment

Commence: 1 November 1987

Complete: 30 June 1989

1989 JCS Net Assessment (Unclassified Document)

Commence: 1 October 1988

Complete: 30 September 1989

5. Dissemination of these net assessments shall include those senior officials involved in national security policy in the Executive Branch and to the following committees of the Congress: Senate Armed Services Committee, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, Senate Appropriations Committee, House Armed Services Committee, House Select Committee on Intelligence, and the House Appropriations Committee.

6. Implementation of the above plan has commenced and will be fully implemented by 1 October 1988.